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1. The following Soviet Army troops are stationed in the Turkmen SSR, along the Soviet-Iranian border:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name of CO</u>
a. Uzun Ada (village)	Kirgiz infantry regiment known as the Sadikov Regiment	Col. Uvarov
b. Mikhailovskoye (village)	152nd Cavalry Regiment	Col. Knyazev
c. Bala Ishen (village on a mountain pass)	1st Kirgiz Tank Regiment	General Saradev
d. Maly Balakhan (39-14N, 54-57E) (mountain pass)	Infantry regiment (guards) known as the Matrosov (Hero of the Soviet Union) Regiment	Col. Chuchkov
e. Uzun Su Ushak (39-13N, 55-45E)	2nd Kirgiz Artillery Regiment	Col. Tikhonov
f. Koj (village)*	Autonomous Kirgiz Mechanized Regiment	Col. Bakhlahev
g. Bami (38-45N, 56-47E)	97th Cavalry Regiment known as the Vladimir Ilich (Lenin) Regiment	Col. Titov
h. Balkharden Iduri (38-27N, 57-25E)	Poltava Tank Regiment	Col. Ignatiyev
i. Balkharden Iduri	1st Turkestan Liaison Regiment (Only part of this regiment stationed here; provides liaison with Uzun Ada and with Sarakhs)	Lt. Col. Mekhemetbekov

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j. Ashkhabad (37-57N, 58-22E) and Gyaurs (37-51N, 58-50E)	Riga Infantry Regiment (Guards)	Col. Sarukhanov
k. Lutfabed (37-32N, 59-21E)	1st Kazagne (sic; Kazak?) Artillery Regiment	Col. Russakov
l. Dushak (37-13N, 60-04E)	1st Kazagne Infantry Regiment	Lt. Col. Marianov
m. Tedzhen (37-23N, 60-30E)	4th Kirgiz Mechanized Regiment	Col. Nikolayev
n. Sarakhs (36-31N, 61-13E)	MVD Turkestan Frontier Regiment	Col. Nikitin
o. Mary (airfield)	Tank detachment	Col. Bogomolov
p. Maly Balakhan (at foot of moun- tains)	Heavy artillery units and observation post	
q. Dushak	Machine gun units and obser- vation post	
r. Naourli (mountains)	Observation post	
s. Sarakhs	Observation post	
t. Tedzhen	Turkestan Railroad Engineer Detachment	

2. Detachments comprising these units are grouped into the following three sectors:

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Uzun Ada to Bami	Khodj*	Col. General Popov
Bakharden to Gyaurs	Ashkhabad	General Zemlak
Gyaurs to Sarakhs	Mary	General Arushanov

3. Supplies and Facilities

- a. There are underground arms depots at the villages of Utchadzhi and Sheikmansur, located between Tedzhen and Mammurest.
- b. Large sweet water reservoirs are located at Khodj\*, Bakharden, and Ushak.
- c. There are large depots of gasoline located at:
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  - Tedzhen (on railroad line)
  - Mary (on railroad line)
  - Uzun Ada (can be reached by road).
- d. There are radio base stations at Ashkhabad and Mary.
- e. There are underground "hangars" for tanks in the village of Tedzhen.
- f. Many air force and mechanized units are currently low on motor fuel reserves because large amounts of Soviet oil products are being shipped to the Chinese Communists. Extraction of oil is being increased in the following regions in order to compensate for this drain:
  - Krivoi Rog-Donets
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  - Baku, Georgia
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4. Troop Movements

- a. Two new army corps, one commanded by General Antonov and the other by General Ivanov, have recently arrived in Soviet Turkestan and have been placed under the command of Marshal Timoshenko, \*\* whose headquarters has been transferred from Tashkent to Samarkand. These new troops have been stationed in the following areas:

Mary  
Kushka (35-16N, 62-18E)  
Semarkand  
Dushanbeg  
Termes  
Mazar-i-Sharif

- b. A third new corps is expected to arrive shortly in Turkestan.

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Comment:

\* Koj in para. 1f and Khodj in para. 2 probably refer to the same place. Probably Khodzha Kala at 38-43N, 56-21E, though possibly Kodzh Station at 38-52N, 56-34E.

\*\* Various rumors concerning the current assignment of Timoshenko have circulated in the past year. This is probably another in the series.